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Message Will send photo of D.G
Will send D.G. toward end of
month. Will not send others
they are being viewed in Cleveland
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1979

New England Rare Coin Galleries
89 Devonshire
Boston, MA 02109

Attention: Mr. Bellisario

Dear Mr. Bellisario:

When I glanced at your March 30-31, 1979 auction catalog entitled The Metropolitan New York Sale and featuring the George D. Mahoney collection, I telephoned you and asked what the source was for Lots 626 and 627 as I presumed they were not part of the George D. Mahoney collection. Miss Carol Tailby was kind enough to advise me that she could not tell me the name of the consignor, but that these pieces came in a group from England and consisted of Lots 18, 19, 59, 158, 329, 575, 589, 626, 627, 638 and 804.

I suggest that for your own good you send all eleven lots which were consigned from England to us for examination. I would also like to have permission to show them to Q. David Bowers. They will be returned to you.

Lots 626 and 627 are from the pictures quite similar in appearance to other examples of those coins withdrawn from the Bowers & Ruddy sale of August, 1978. Those withdrawals and other coins were classified as forgeries by ANACS. Those forgeries are now held in the middle west pursuant to a dispute.

While I have no opinion and make no implications as to the coins you have in your auction, it would be best if Dave and I examine them. If you have any questions prior to sending them, please telephone me. My number is 314-444-6525 during the day and 314-727-0850 in the evening.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. Q. David Bowers

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March 2, 1979

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed please find a photograph of lot #627 from our Metropolitan New York Sale.

We certainly appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention. And we are in the process of authenticating the lots in question. And if these lots are available for mail preview after the Bay State Exhibition, we will certainly forward them to you for inspection.

Again, thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

Lee J. Bellisario
President

Enclosure

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 6, 1979

Mr. Lee Bellisario
New England Rare Coin Galleries
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Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Bellisario:

Thank you for telephoning with respect to our letter of February 23, 1979.

I am sorry that your firm doesn't find it practical to send the coins to us for inspection even if they are returned in 24 hours. You did agree to send a print (enlarged we hope) from the 35 mm negative which you have. You also indicated you thought you could send the Woods farthing D. G. Rex (Lot 627 in about two weeks.

I am enclosing a photograph of the Woods farthing D. G. Rex on which the opinion of ANACS is that it is a forgery. Please note the planchet clip, the position of the edge denticles and surface defects on the picture. They are distinctively different from the catalog picture of your coin.

As I explained I am searching for the original coin from which the forgery was made as well as determining if there are other forgeries made from the same original coin.

I will appreciate your further cooperation.

Sincerely,yours,

Eric P. Newman

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